

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims by replacing the original claims with the following listing of claims.

**LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-3. (Canceled)

Claim 4. (Currently amended) An apparatus for processing secure code transmitted through a communications channel comprising: a protocol parser; a decryption component; and, a proscribed code scanner; wherein said protocol parser intercepts secure code being transmitted through said communications channel and transfers said code to said decryption component for decryption and scanning by said proscribed code scanner, said proscribed code scanner reviewing information that preexists in said code prior to said code being intercepted.

Claim 5. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 4 further comprising an encryptor, wherein said code, after being processed by said proscribed code scanner, may be reencrypted by said encryptor.

Claim 6. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 5, further comprising an SSL decryptor.

Claim 7. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 5, further comprising an S/MIME decryptor.

Claim 8. (Original) A method for processing altered code comprising: decrypting said code; scanning said code for the presence of proscribed code; and, providing an indicator for the presence of said proscribed code.

Claim 9. (Original) A method as in claim 8 further comprising the step of: reencrypting said code if said indicator is negative.

Claim 10. (Original) A method as in claim 8 further comprising the step of: further indicating the presence of said proscribed code if said indicator is positive.

Claim 11. (Original) A method as in claim 8 wherein the step of decrypting said code is preceded by the step of intercepting said code prior to decrypting said code.

Claim 12. (Currently amended) A method for processing secure code transmitted through a communications channel comprising: intercepting said code; decrypting said code; scanning said code with a proscribed code scanner for the presence of proscribed code; and, providing an indicator for the presence of said proscribed code, said proscribed code scanner reviewing information that preexists in said code prior to said

code being intercepted.

Claim 13. (Original) A method as in claim 12 wherein said code is secured through SSL encryption.

Claim 14. (Original) A method as in claim 12 wherein said code is secured through S/MIME encryption.

Claim 15. (Original) A method as in claim 12 further comprising the step of: reencrypting said code if said indicator is negative.

Claim 16. (Original) A method as in claim 12 further comprising the step of: further indicating the presence of said proscribed code if said indicator is positive.

Claim 17. (Original) A method as in claim 12 further comprising the step of providing a separate system inserted in said communications channel, and with at least one of said steps of intercepting said code; decrypting said code; scanning said code for the presence of proscribed code, and providing an indicator for the presence of said proscribed code, occurring on said separate machine.

Claim 18. (New) An apparatus for processing secure code transmitted through a communications channel between a client and a server comprising: a protocol parser; a decryption component; and, a proscribed code scanner; wherein said protocol parser

intercepts secure code being transmitted through said communications channel and transfers said code to said decryption component for decryption and scanning by said proscribed code scanner, said proscribed code scanner reviewing information that preexists in said code prior to said code being intercepted; wherein the protocol parser is configured for activation upon the opening of a communication channel by a request of said original client or a request of said original server, and for creating a new secure server that communicates with said original client, and a new secure client that communicates with said original server, wherein the secure client and secure server intercept communications occurring between said original client and said original server.

19. (New) A method as in claim 12, including intercepting a request from an original client or an original server on said communications channel, creating a new secure server that communicates with said original client, creating a new secure client that communicates with said original server, intercepting with said secure client and said secure server communications occurring between said original client and said original server.